4. Chandigarh (Union Territory)
5. Chhattisgarh
6. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
7. Daman and Diu (Union Territory)
8. Goa
9. Himachal Pradesh
10. Jammu and Kashmir
11. Jharkhand
12. Karnataka
13. Kerala
14. Lakshadweep (Union Territory)
15. Manipur
16. Meghalaya
17. Mizoram
18. Nagaland
19. Orissa
20. Sikkim
21. Uttaranchal
22. West Bengal
23. Punjab

Surplus stock of petroleum products

4344. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national oil companies continue to be saddled with excess stock of petroleum products;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any steps since surplus production of fuel is expected to exceed 10000 tonnes for each of these months;

(c) whether the surplus is reported to have been estimated by the Oil Coordination Committee on the basis of a Reliance Petroleum offer of 1,45,000 tonnes for January and 1,25,000 tonnes for February, 2002;

(d) if so, whether this surplus is to be continued in March, 2002 also; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. During the year 2001-2002, the demand for petroleum products has been less than the production on several accounts such as slow down of economy, restricted demand for HSD, etc. Upliftment of products from various refineries is done by the Oil Marketing Companies is as per the agreed Supply Plan.

However, agricultural and industrial growth is picking up and economy is expected to show better growth rate during the current year. This is likely to give a boost to the demand of petroleum products.

The oil companies are undertaking several measures including exports to increase the sale of petroleum products.

LPG bottling plants in Andhra Pradesh

4345. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of LPG bottling plants functioning in Andhra Pradesh at present, oil PSU-wise and location-wise;

(b) whether Government propose to increase their number in the State to augment the LPG bottling capacity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR): (a) At present, ten LPG bottling plants of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh as under:—

Location	Name of Company
Vijayawada	IOC
Cherlapally	IOC
Cherlapally	HPC
Cherlapally	BPC
Kondapalli	HPC
Visakh	HPC
Kumool	BPC
Cuddapah	IOC
Timmarpur	IOC
Vizag	IOC